

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A component placement machine machine (1) with a frame frame (2) and with a transport device device (3) for transporting printed circuit boards boards (5) in an X-direction as well as a method for transporting printed circuit boards boards (5), which whereby the transport device device (3) comprises at least one transport beam beam (6) extending in the X-direction. The transport beam beam (6) can be driven in the X-direction in a reciprocating movement, whereby the transport device device (1) is provided with a clamping means (12, 15, 16) mechanism connected to the transport beam beam (6) for clamping in one on to a lateral edge edge (21) extending in the X-direction of the printed circuit boards boards (5) to be transported. The device is further provided with supporting means (18, 20) a supporting mechanism connected to the frame frame (2) for supporting two lateral edges on both sides of the printed circuit boards boards (5), which clamping means (18,20) whereby the clamping mechanism can be brought into an active clamping position such that the elamping means (18,20) are active clamping mechanism is active during the movement of the transport beam beam (6) in the positive X-direction and can be brought to a resting in a rest position during the returning return of the transport beam beam (6) in the negative X-direction, in which rest position of the clamping means (18,20) the printed circuit boards (5) are being supported by the supporting means (18,20). While the clamping mechanism is in a resting position the printed circuit boards are supported by the supporting mechanism.